

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-11, which corresponds to claims 1-20;

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 12-19, which corresponds to claims 21-42;

Species III, illustrated in Fig(s). 20-27, which corresponds to claims 43-56;

Species IV, illustrated in Fig(s). 28-30, which corresponds to claims 57, 59, 61, 62; and

Species V, illustrated in Fig(s). 31.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-11, with traverse.

Claim(s) 1-20 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, none of the claims are generic.

Applicants traverse the election of species requirement at least in that Figure 31 is not actually directed towards a species of the invention. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the independent claims, each of which recite, *inter alia*, the use of a peer-to-peer communications system which is represented at least by Figure 31. Furthermore, paragraph 246 of the instant specification mentions a peer-to-peer communication system in context of multiple of the embodiments presented therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that Figure 31 does not refer to an electable species within the context of the instant application.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John R. Sanders, Registration No. 60,166 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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